

Richland County Parks Commission
June 7TH, 2021
Meeting Minutes

#1 The June 7th, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerry Severson at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Kerry Severson, John Collins, Eric Siemandel, Cindy Chicker, Gary Manning, Barb Scott and Cathy Cooper. Tim Gottschall arrived after the minutes were approved.

Chair Severson announces that Danielle Cooper will be the newest member of the commission.

#2 The agenda was mailed/emailed, and it was properly posted. Moved by Gary Manning to approve the agenda and proof of notification second made by Cindy Chicker. Motion carried.

#3 John Collins motioned to approve the minutes of the May 3rd, 2021 meeting as sent out, second by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#4 Public Input- No Public Input.

#5 Pine River Recreation Trail “Bike Trail” – Cathy reported that she & Ken Anderson are working on the specs/plan for the grant and fund 75 money. Commissioner Collins referred Commissioner Chicker to work on this. Commissioner Chicker handed out a map of where the benches would be placed that would be coming from the Rotary Club grant money, (pictures attached to the master minutes) along with a picnic table and a fix it station at the Twin Bluffs rest stop on the bike trail.

Motion made by Gary Manning to accept the gift of up to \$10,000 Rotary donation through the Symons Foundation and present it to the County Board, second made by Tim Gottschall. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins did get in contact with Don Huffman regarding the grading the trail, Don still needs to get in contact with Simpson Tractor to get a 3-point hitch to hook up and grade the trail. The trail still needs to be sprayed, Cathy reported that there is a person in the office that would volunteer to spray the trail if the Parks Commission would pay for the spray. Discussion followed regarding the spray. Due to potential hazardous issues with the spraying of the trail motion was made by John Collins to discontinue spraying any chemicals on the trail, second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried. Cindy Chicker suggested that this be published that the trail is not being sprayed along with a reason as to why, If the spraying is not happening then the grading of trail needs to get done as soon as possible.

#6 Rifle Range – board are needed, Cathy reported at the point to the what was collected from the donation tubes from over the winter.

#7 Rockbridge Park – A. Front Stairs – the stairs do not need to be replaced, there is a tree that needs to be cut down away from the stairs. John Collins reported future picnic tables, 5 – 8ft tables and 5 6ft tables that are all composite and the cost would be \$8,600 total plus \$600 for shipping if needed. The tables are in Monroe County, WI and could be picked up with a truck and trailer. B. Bridge – Cathy is working on getting the permits required with the DNR, she has access to a credit card for the cost of the permit. The bill for the bridge is in the bills at the end of the meeting. Gary reported that he is working on getting the Bridge within the next few weeks.

#8 Viola Park – A. Well – waiting for Corpian quote for the drilling of the well. There will need to be an actual scaled drawing of as to where everything would be. Cathy should have cost estimates for the July meeting. Not sure as the scaled survey and who needs to do that and what will it cost. Chair Severson reminded the commission that if Viola Park on highway 56 is a licensed campground the commission can have an ordinance on how the park is regulated. When completed it should read similar to the Rockbridge “Pier” park ordinance

#9 Kayak landing – things are working well. The highway department will have arrow signs in the near future pointing out the kayak landing.

#10 Snowmobile Alliance – nothing at this point.

#11 Snowmobile grants – Cathy needs the grooming hours and anymore bills now as the final numbers by June 21st, things will be done at the July meeting.

#12 Boat landings – nothing to report, waiting on an update as to what needs to be fixed at the Orion Landing.

#13 Pine Valley Site – nothing to report at this time.

#14 Hidden Valley – Who writes the letter requesting that the County wants out. Cindy will write the letter and forward it on to Cathy to have it on letter head for Kerry to sign.

#15 Commission member reports – John Collins, regarding the Pine River Trail needs, we need an action plan to identify the spots and how will they be corrected and prevent future wear. Kerry Severson want to capital expenditures on the next agenda. i.e. Black top that needs maintenance. Need to update the long-range plan.

#16 Future agenda items – Action plan for the Trail. Akey School plan. Invite the Historical Society President to the next meeting.

#17 Bills for June; Town & Country Sanitation, \$427.40; Nature's Way Portable Units, \$458.50; Wisconsin Department of Transportation, \$500.00; Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene, \$30.00; WDATCP-License Renewal, \$175.00; LNR Services LLC, \$650.00; Southwest Partners, \$1,558.00; Sharon Miller, \$210.00; Alliance Trailers LLC, \$8,500.00; Walsh's Ace Hardware, \$214.65. Motion made by Eric Siemandel to approve the June bills as presented. Second made by Gary Manning. Motion carried.

#18 Next meeting is Tuesday July 6th, 2021 at 5:30 pm. meeting will be held at Rockbridge Park in person.

#20 Motion made by Gary Manning adjourn the meeting second made by John Collins. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:44pm.

Kerry Severson

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Parks Commission Chair